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[redacted] a report on the Tesla Strasnice National Enterprise in Prague-Strasnice, which produces television sets, and the A.S. Popov Research Institute for Low-Current Electricity, which occupies a part of the Tesla Strasnice plant. Sketches show the location and layout of the plant.

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1. The factory is located in Prague-Strasnice in the part called Na Trebesine; this location is south of Ziskov freight RR yard, from which the factory is divided by the street U nakladoveho nadrazi. West of the factory is a jewish cemetery and a public cemetery. South of the factory is the Prague-Strasnice radio transmitter. The area of the factory is of a shape of an irregular quadrangle with the sides 200, 150, 150 and 100 m long^{25X1}
2. The plant was called formerly Mikrofona and was manufacturing radios. In 1945, after nationalization the plant was converted to the production of telephone switchboards. In 1952, a trial manufacture of television sets started. By the end of 1952 the production of telephone switchboards was discontinued and by July 1953 the plant was re-equipped for the manufacture of television sets only. The yearly production capacity was about 2,000 sets. Some parts, like e.g. picture tube were produced by Tesla Pardubice and other Tesla plants; the rest of the parts, the chassis and the coils were produced by Tesla, Prague-Strasnice, where the sets were also assembled and tested. The picture was very small, 22 x 18 cm, and the whole construction was under constant development.
3. A part of the plant was occupied by the Research Institute for Low Current Electricity which was named after the Russian physicist A.S.Popov. The institute had a civilian and a military section. The civilian section was engaged in the development of more advanced television sets and in the color television. It employed nine technicians, and was headed by Ing. Lavante (fmu), about 35 years old, tall, dark hair, professionally competent, politically passive. The military section employed about 12 technicians and was engaged in experimenting with radars and short-wave transmitters. It closely cooperated with the Metra in Blansko.
4. The factory employed about 2,000 persons of which over 70% were women. The employees work in three shifts. There is a lack of skilled work. The plant conducts its own apprentices' training; about 120 apprentices are being brought up at a time.

Legend for the sketches

Sketch # 2

1. Wall; about 2 m high.
2. Main entrance; from the "U nakladoveho nadrazi" street.
3. Main factory building; U-shaped, about 120 x 20 m and 20 x 10 m, three-storied with two attics on the fourth floor.
4. Three wooden, ground-floor barracks. One contains the kitchen and the messhall; another one machine tool shop with lathes, milling machines and boring machines and the third one contains sheet metal cutters, transformer and the central heating boiler.

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5. Toolshop and small parts manufacture; ground-floor, reinforced concrete hall, 40 x 15 m.

6. Carpenters' shop; wooden barrack, 5 x 8 m. 25X1

7. Fire house.

8. Apprentices' training center; wooden building, ground-floor, 40 x 15 m.

Sketch # 3 Detailed description of the main building

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| I. 1. Finished products store. | II. 1. Technical offices. |
| 2. Accounting office. | 2. Coil winding room. |
| 3. Electric wire store. | 3. Former switch board assembly room. |
| 4. Staircase. | 4. Staircase. |
| 5. Electronic tubes store. | 5. Miscellaneous parts store. |
| 6. Cashier's office. | 6. Manufacture of small parts. |
| 7. Personnel department. | 7. Assembly hall. |
| 8. Dispensary. | 8. Coil winding store. |
| 9. Wages office. | III. 1. Coil winding hall. |
| 10. Conference hall. | 2. Assembly hall. |
| 11. Lecture room. | 3. Staircase. |
| | 4. Television set assembly line. |
| | 5. Manufacture of high frequency transformers. |
| | 6. Transformer waxing baths. |

IV. Western wing

1. Office and laboratory of the head of the Research Institute.

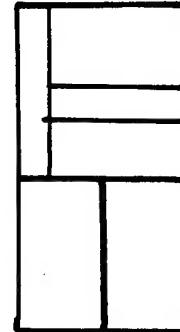
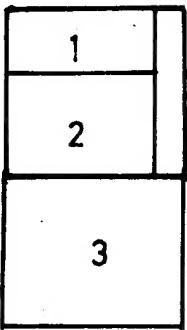
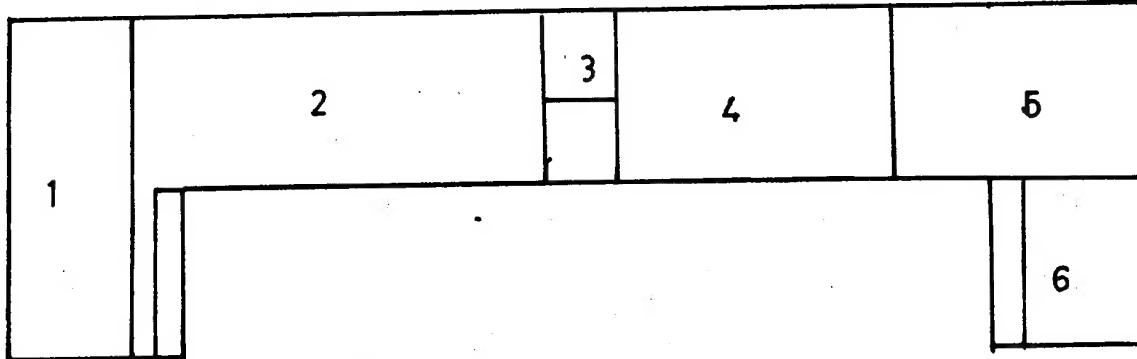
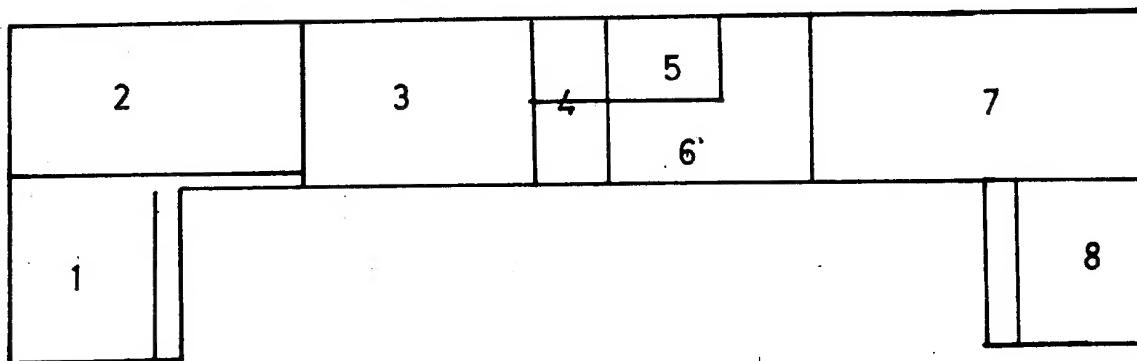
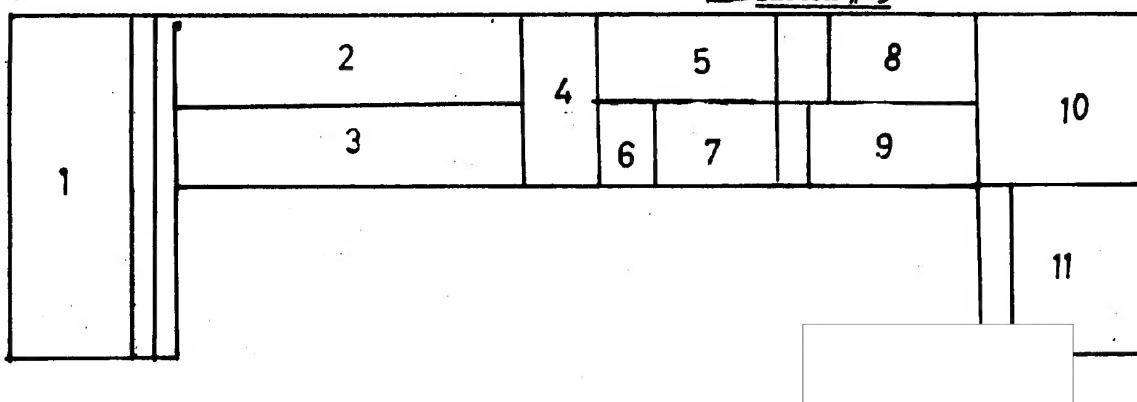
2. Television studio.

3. Main civilian research laboratory.

Eastern wing: contains the military section of the Research Institute.

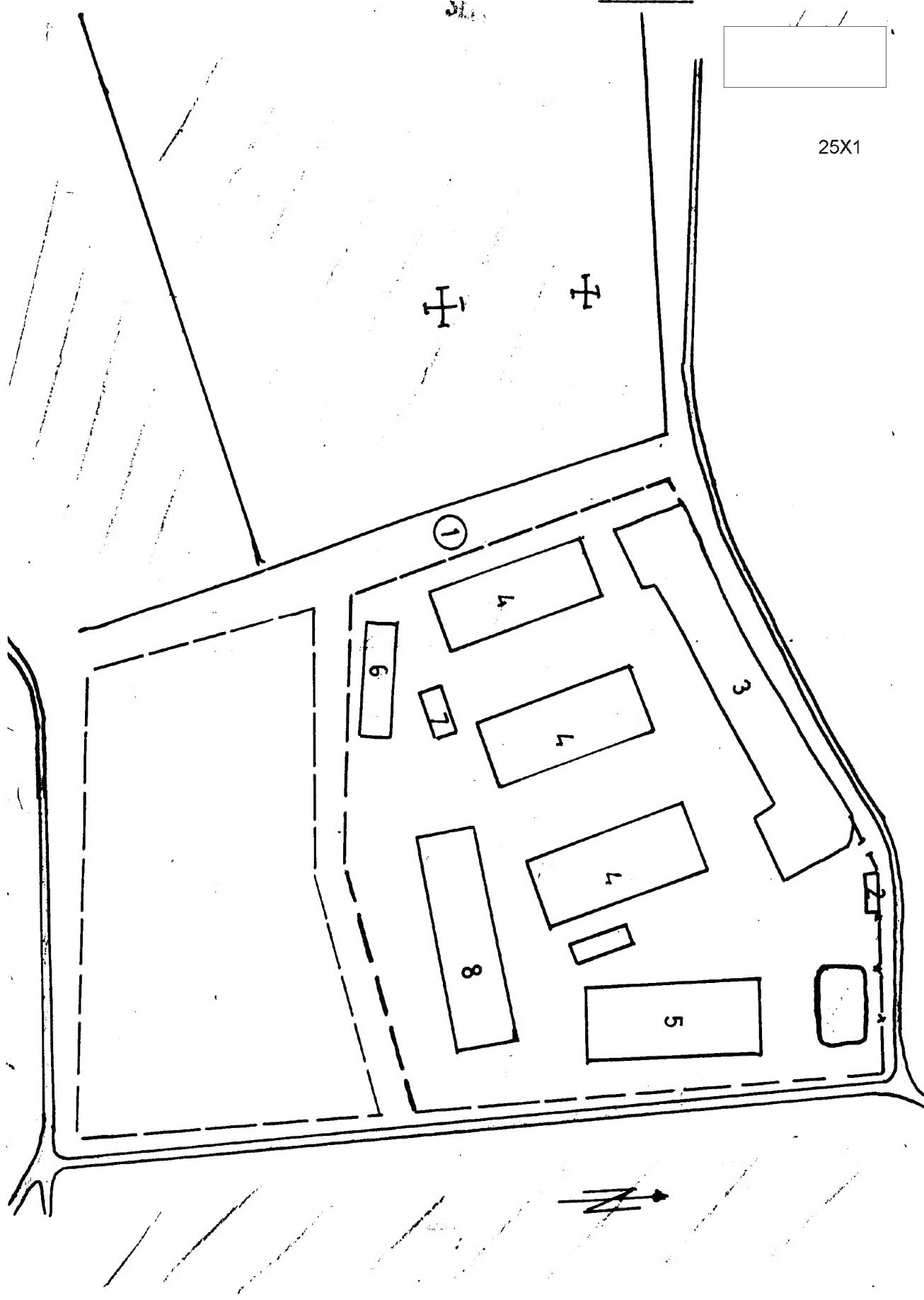
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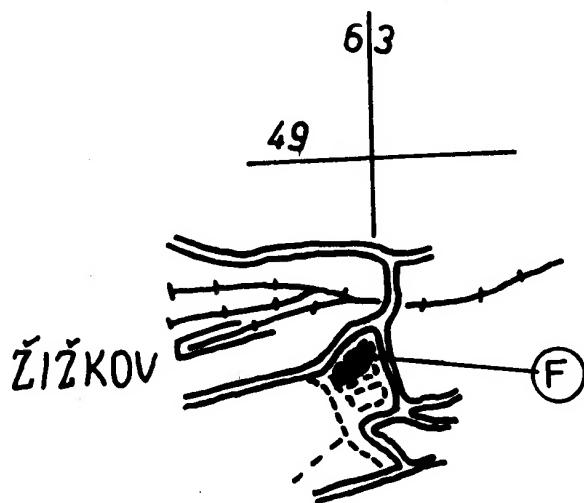
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Location of Tesla, Prague-Strasnice



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